

State of Utah

Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council

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MEETING NOTES

USA AV DUI COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Room 225

State Capitol Building

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Staff: Susan Burke and Diane Ngatuvai

Visitors: Ron Gordon

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Anna Kay Waddoups explained that she was a victim of a drunk driver and hopes to bring a unique perspective to the subcommittee.

Background on DUI Committee

Susan Burke, USA AV Director, gave an overview of how this subcommittee has evolved as an offshoot of the Governor's Council on DUI after it had reached its sunset date in June, 2002. The authority has been transferred to USA AV to oversee and coordinate activities during the post-transition period.

Role of DUI Committee

A. Annual Report: There will be an annual report required of the subcommittee reporting on the DUI data collected and maintained by the Dept. of Public Safety. CCJJ is required statutorily to report to the Judiciary and Transportation Interim Committees.

B. Alcohol Funding Formula: Diane Ngatuvai provided a status report on the beer tax revenue. During the Legislature's July 8-9, 2002 special session all of the \$2.6 million outlined in the FY '03 budget was eliminated to help balance the state's \$170 million revenue shortfall. This budget cut was identified in HB 5009 as a "one time" reduction so funding should be restored in the FY '04 budget. The funding formula needs to be examined. Originally \$2 million went to prevention and now that funding is part of the base budget. There is concern regarding the fact that \$4.5 million is the cap, but only \$2.6 million is actually being appropriated. Mary Lou Emerson noted that the Tax Commission doesn't have a vested interest in the money; perhaps the money should be funneled elsewhere. In 2002 there was \$10.6 million collected in revenues, but only \$2.6 goes to the locals. The beer industry is able to resist further tax increases by arguing that we need to enforce the current formula now.

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Sentencing Commission Implementation Report

Ron Gordon, Utah Sentencing Commission Director, gave a presentation regarding the “Assessment of Interventions in DUI Cases.” It was determined after reviewing nearly sixty articles assessing the effectiveness of a variety of DUI interventions that using a single sanction is not effective for either high or low-risk offenders. They did find, however, that lowering BAC levels is effective as well as increasing the minimum legal drinking age. Recommendations for low-risk offenders include probation, driver license restrictions, victim impact panels, short-term, high intensity treatment and short-term jail stay. Recommendations for high-risk offenders are punishment/control, education, treatment and aftercare/monitoring. Success is dependent upon using these interventions together to most effectively reduce recidivism.

Meeting Schedule

The DUI Subcommittee will meet the first Tuesday of every other month from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. **The next meeting of the USAAV DUI Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m at the State Capitol Building.**